

California Ballot Measures

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Summary of CCH Public Policy Committee Recommendations

Measure	Topic	Recommendation
Prop 1	Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act	YES
Prop 39	California Voter ID Initiative	NO
Prop 40	One-Time Billionaire Wealth Tax	NO POSITION
Prop 43	Higher Threshold for Local Special Taxes	NO
Prop 45	Expedited Environmental Review for Certain Projects	NO POSITION

Proposition 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act

Staff Recommendation: YES

Summary: Authorizes \$11.25 billion in housing bonds, including major investments in multifamily housing, supportive housing, infrastructure, farmworker housing, homeownership assistance, and affordable housing preservation. Several of these programs are key funding sources for CCH.

Why It Matters: California faces a severe housing shortage, with two-thirds of renters considered rent-burdened and an estimated need for 1.2 million additional homes. This bond would provide critical financing for affordable housing development amid uncertain federal and local funding.

Proposition 39: California Voter ID Initiative

Staff Recommendation: NO

Summary: Requires voters to present government-issued identification when voting in person and provide identifying information when voting by mail. It also requires expanded voter roll verification.

Why It Matters: While proponents cite election security, opponents argue the measure could create barriers for seniors, low-income residents, naturalized citizens, and other eligible voters. California already has systems in place to verify voter eligibility, and similar laws in other states have resulted in voter disenfranchisement.

Proposition 40: One-Time Billionaire Wealth Tax

Staff Recommendation: NO POSITION

Summary: Imposes a one-time 5% tax on net worth above \$1 billion, potentially generating \$100 billion over five years to support healthcare, education, and food assistance programs.

Why It Matters: Although the proposed funding could benefit low-income Californians, the measure is highly political, applies to a small number of individuals, and is subject to competing ballot measures that could override or limit its impact. Affordable housing organizations have largely remained neutral.

Proposition 43: Higher Threshold for Local Special Taxes

Staff Recommendation: **NO**

Summary: Raises the voter approval requirement for citizen-sponsored local special taxes from a simple majority to two-thirds.

Why It Matters: This would make it significantly harder for local governments to pass revenue measures that fund housing, infrastructure, public services, and community improvements. Many jurisdictions where CCH operates already face significant budget deficits.

Proposition 45: Expedited Environmental Review for Certain Projects

Staff Recommendation: **NO POSITION**

Summary: Streamlines environmental review and permitting timelines for housing, infrastructure, transportation, water, energy, and other projects.

Why It Matters: Faster approvals could benefit affordable housing development, but the measure would also accelerate a broad range of projects outside CCH's expertise and may reduce opportunities for environmental and community review.